



24 Sustainability Success Stories in 2024

Story 20 of 24: Transportation

Have Your Voice Heard for the PRT Bus Line Redesign

Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) has embarked on a significant project to redesign the region's bus routes, marking the first major overhaul in over a decade. This initiative aims to improve service quality, expand rider connections, and prioritize equitable investment.

The draft bus network proposes changes to approximately 60% of current bus routes. The Center for Sustainability at UPMC, led by senior director **Holly Vogt**, is actively involved in this project. Vogt, who has represented UPMC in planning meetings with PRT, emphasizes the importance of employees and patients using this opportunity to share input on the proposals, so PRT can modify them to meet their needs.

The Center for Sustainability focuses on promoting sustainable transportation options, such as ride-sharing, public transportation, and biking, over single-occupant cars. The goal is to identify gaps and opportunities in the current transportation network to serve staff, patients, and visitors better. This collaborative effort underscores the importance of sustainability, access, and equity in transportation planning.

Public participation is a key component of the redesign process. PRT is holding public meetings and tabling at bus stops throughout Allegheny County to gather feedback on the initial proposal, which will inform a second draft due in the spring of 2025. In-person attendance is not essential to providing input.

The public is encouraged to learn more about the proposal and provide input at www.BusLineRedesign.com. The website includes a map of all proposed routes, as well as more detailed pages for each route and other elements of the project, such as new route names, microtransit zones, and what PRT could do with additional funding.

Stay tuned for more information regarding changes and improvements to PRT's bus lines.

For more information about UPMC's sustainability initiatives, visit the [UPMC Center for Sustainability website](#) and the center's [Viva Engage page](#).